

the Olympic torch on its route through Cleveland for the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, Utah. He is a member of Tau Boule and holds life memberships in Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the NAACP.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you. I thank my colleagues, and again, I thank this Nation for recognizing that black history is indeed American history.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mr. STARK (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and the balance of the week on account of medical reasons.

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of personal reasons.

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today and the balance of the week on account of medical reasons.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. KAPTUR) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. FLAKE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today, February 25, 26 and March 2.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. INGLIS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today, February 25 and 26.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today, February 25 and 26.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, today, February 25, 26, and March 2.

Mr. FLAKE, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker on Friday, February 13, 2009:

H.R. 1. An act making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House reports that on February 4, 2009 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 2. To amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House reports that on February 16, 2009 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 1. Making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly, at 9 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m., under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, February 24, 2009, at 10:30 a.m., for morning-hour debate.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY MR. OBEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, REGARDING H.R. 1105, OMNIBUS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2009

Following is an explanation of the Omnibus Appropriations Act, 2009, including disclosure of congressional earmarks and congressionally directed spending items as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives and rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate.

Section 4 of the Act specifies that this explanatory statement shall have the same effect with respect to the allocation of funds and implementation of this legislation as if it were a joint explanatory statement of a committee of conference.

The Omnibus Appropriations Act includes fiscal year 2009 appropriations encompassing 9 regular annual appropriations bills, each in a separate division, plus a 10th division including further provisions relating to the Department of Homeland Security and other agencies. The divisions contained in the Act are as follows:

- Division A—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009;

- Division B—Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009;

- Division C—Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009;

- Division D—Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2009;

- Division E—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009;

- Division F—Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009;

- Division G—Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2009;

- Division H—Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2009;

- Division I—Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2009; and

- Division J—Further Provisions Relating to the Department of Homeland Security and Other Matters.

Section 3 states that, unless expressly provided otherwise, any reference to "this Act" contained in any division shall be treated as referring only to the provisions of that division.

DIVISION A

TITLE I—AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS

PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, AND MARKETING

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The bill provides \$5,174,000 for the Office of the Secretary.

The Department is directed to provide within 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act all reports and studies requested in this statement to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate (hereafter referred to as "the Committees") in both an electronic and hard copy format, unless another date is specified for a particular report.

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (hereafter referred to as "the 2008 farm bill") authorized many new programs, provided mandatory funding for a select number of them, and reauthorized existing programs throughout the Department of Agriculture. The Department is directed to submit a report detailing the Department's implementation plan for the 2008 farm bill. The report should include timeframes for developing new regulations and estimated dates the Department expects to finalize the regulations and implement the new or revised programs. The Department is also directed to provide to the Committees all reports requested in the 2008 farm bill.

There is concern that agencies are being required, after appropriations have been enacted for other purposes, to support E-Gov and PART studies. This diminishes, delays, or eliminates the implementation of the activities for which funds were provided. Thirty days prior to any centrally determined charges being applied to any USDA agency that are different from those amounts displayed in the budget justification materials, the Department must submit to the Committees a detailed explanation of the amounts assessed and the method for determining those amounts.

There continues to be strong support in Congress for programs that provide emergency food assistance throughout the world and that work to achieve sustainable food security. Among those programs is the Borlaug Dialogue (and its associated functions), which provides a forum for world leadership related to international food assistance. The Secretary is encouraged to support this activity and to ensure that the Department maintains a strong role in the fight against world hunger.

EXECUTIVE OPERATIONS

CHIEF ECONOMIST

The bill provides \$10,651,000 for the Office of the Chief Economist.

NATIONAL APPEALS DIVISION

The bill provides \$14,711,000 for the National Appeals Division.

OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM ANALYSIS

The bill provides \$9,054,000 for the Office of Budget and Program Analysis.